Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question here is the damage to crops in a certain area due to monsoon evils? So the inquiry should end after the monsoon.

Grant-in-aid bills.

114. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to give in a tabular form the names of the schools in either division of the State which have their grant-in-aid bills in arrears, with reasons for arrear and the periods of arrear?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—A statement is appended. (*Appendix I.*)

Minority communities—Educational concessions.

115. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of the minority communities enjoying educational concessions in the State?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Only backward and Depressed classes are given educational concessions, irrespective of their being minority communities.

116. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state why the Anglo-Indian community, whose economic well-being depends on its educational progress, is not granted the concession referred to in 220?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—So far only those communities which are "backward" have been given concessions and the Anglo-Indian community does not come under that category.

Public Offices—Chittur.

117. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the name of the locality where the Munsiff's Court, the Magistrate's Court, the Taluk Office, the Police Station and the District Registrar's Office at Chittur are located;

(b) is that locality malarial;

(c) are several cases of malaria among the clerks and other officers of the above Public Offices reported every year;

(d) whether it is a fact that three constables died as a result of the malarial fever they contracted from that locality;

(e) whether any representations were received by the Government from the people to shift the Munsiff's Court, etc., from that Annampilly to the centre of the Chittur Town or Tattamangalam;

(f) what orders have been passed thereon and whether there is any prospect of the wislfes of the people being complied with?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Annampilly.

(b) Yes.

(c) Some cases have been reported of late.

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(d) Yes.

(e) Yes.

(f) The matter is engaging the attention of Government. Arrangements are being made to shift the Police Station to Tattamangalam by the beginning of the next year.

Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

118. Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether capable officers in the grade of Sub-Assistant Surgeons are not promoted to the grade of Assistant Surgeons, both in British India and in the Sister States, with all the privileges of Assistant Surgeons;

(b) will Government be pleased to state why such encouragement should not be granted to deserving Sub-Assistant Surgeons in this State too?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) In the Madras Presidency only a few limited places are reserved in the cadre of the Assistant Surgeons for promotion to deserving Sub-Assistant Surgeons. In Mysore, two places of Assistant Surgeons are reserved for a total number of 277 Sub-Assistant Surgeons. In Travancore, three places of Assistant Surgeons (two for men and one for a lady) are reserved for senior Sub-Assistant Surgeons with over 23 years of service out of 81 Sub-Assistant Surgeons in service. In Pudukottah there are only 15 Sub-Assistant Surgeons and no Sub-Assistant Surgeon in that State gets a place in the Assistant Surgeon's rank. In Travancore, though three Sub-Assistant Surgeons are promoted as Assistant Surgeons, they are not given all the privileges of a medical graduate such as granting of health certificates, age certificates, etc.

(b) The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know, Sir, whether the granting of health certificates has a greater consequence than the conduct of postmortum examinations?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No. It has not.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know, Sir, why this privilege have been taken away from them, this granting of health certificates?

Dr. D Raghavendra Rao.—The Member is not correct on facts. There was no privilege granted to them at any time.

Mr. A Sankara Puduval.—May I also know from the Member whether they were in the habit of granting health certificates?

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